



New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission

2022 MLK Scholarship Essay Competition for High School Seniors

“The Fierce Urgency of Now”

The Commission will award 10 scholarships
of \$5,000 per Student

Due Date: March 18, 2022

The New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to offer 10 scholarships to current high school seniors who are New Jersey residents in the amount of \$5,000 per student. The scholarships will be awarded based on review of application by the independent reviewers appointed by the Commission. The online application includes three (3) essays on assigned topics. Applicants selected for the final review will be required to email 2 school and community service reference letters and official high school transcript. The scholarships must be awarded directly to the winning students' colleges, universities, or vocational/technical colleges by June 24, 2022.

The on-line application portal will go live on Sunday, January 16 at 5P and will be open for submissions until 5PM Friday, March 18, 2022

The essay topics will focus on this year's theme: *“THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW,”* one of Dr. King's most powerful sayings. Applicants must respond to three essay questions:

- How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future? (100 to 300 words)
- Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years. (100 to 300 words)
- Dr. King always voiced his concerns about the needs of our country and the international community. What are the greatest challenges facing your community and how can we use his strategies to address them? (100 to 300 words)

The application can be found here:

[NJ Department of State - New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission](#)

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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- Three (3) Essays on *“The Fierce Urgency of Now”* (see above for required topics).

NOTE: Only applicants selected for final review will be asked to email:

- Two (2) letters of reference from teachers, advisers, clergy and/or representatives of community-based service programs.
- Official High School Transcript from 11th Grade.

If you have any questions, please email MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov